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1. INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON KOREA IN HIS UN GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH, SEPTEMBER 29: QUOTE. STILL, THE PREVAILING ATMOSPHERE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA TODAY IS ONE OF RENEWED HOPE AND A SENSE OF OPPORTUNITY NEVER BEFORE FELT DURING THE PAST THREE DECADES.

2. THIS ATMOSPHERE OF HOPE AND PROMISE IS REGRETFULLY ABSENT IN ANOTHER VITALLY IMPORTANT PART OF ASIA. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA HAVE REDUCED PROSPECTS FOR AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS OF KOREA.

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EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION, FOR WHICH HIGH

HOPES WERE RAISED WHEN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS SIGNED IN JULY 1972 BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, HAVE STALEMATED AND PREPARATIONS FOR RENEWED CONFRONTATION ARE NOW BEING ALLEGED BY BOTH SIDES.

3. INDONESIA CANNOT BUT VIEW THESE DEVELOPMENTS WITH GRAVE CONCERN, FOR NOT ONLY DO THEY RENDER THE PROBLEM OF THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA INCREASINGLY INTRACTABLE, BUT THEY ALSO HAVE A MOST DAMAGING EFFECT ON EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE LARGER REGION OF EAST ASIA AND THE EWSTERN PACIFIC.

4. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ROLE THE UNITED NATIONS CAN AND SHOULD PLAY IN FUNDING A PEACEFUL AND DURABLE SOLUTION TO THE KOREA PROBLEM WILL BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

5. THIS YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL AGAIN BE SEIZED WITH THE QUESTION OF THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG IN KOREA. MY DELEGATION REITERATES ITS VIEW THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD END ITS MILITARY PRESENCE IN KOREA AND THAT IT IS INDEED HIGH TIME THAT THE STATE OF WAR, WHICH TECHNICALLY STILL EXISTS BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, BE TERMINATED. BUT AS THE UNITED NATIONS' MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IS BASEDON A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, INDONESIA BELIEVES THAT THE APPROPRIATE WAY WOULD BE FOR THE ASSEMBLY TO REQUEST THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION AND TO FORMULATE THE MODALITIES FOR THE TERMINATION OF SUCH A PRESENCE.

6. IN THIS CONTEXT, INDONESIA ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO A CONTINUED AND DIRECT DIALOGUE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA AS THE TWO PRINCIPAL PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT. MY DELEGATION CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY, THEREFORE, THAT ANY SUBSTITUTION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BY A MORE PERMANENT PEACE ARRANGEMENT, SHOULD BE ACCOMPAINED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALTERNATIVE MACHINERY BY WHICH AN ATMOSPHERE OF PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, SO NECESSARY FOR THE CONDUCT OF NEGOTIATION, COULD BE MAINTAINED OR IMPROVED.

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7. ALL OUR EFFORTS, HOWEVER, MUST PROCEED FROM A RECOGNITION OF THE BASIC REALITIES PREVAILING ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. UNLESS THESE REALITIES AND THE RELEVANCE OF PROPOSED MEASURES ARE CONSTANTLY KEPT IN MIND, I AM AFRAID WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE ENGAGED IN A FUTILE EXERCISE OF SUPPORTING OR REJECTING CONTENDING RESOLUTIONS, WITH NO PROSPECT OF COMPLIANCE BY EITHER SIDE, AND NO RESULT

OTHER THAN THE FURTHER AGGRAVATION OF THE SITUATION.
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